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Title: Regarding increasing air pollution in the country.

SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI (BARRACKPUR): The country is suffering from a state of air-emergency. The concentration reached 1,990 micrograms per cubic metre at one point in Delhi. This is the extent of pollution that citizens are exposed to. According to Greenpeace India report, India had 3,283 premature deaths due to air pollution every day, surpassing China per day. The Government responded by suspending construction activities, temporarily closing local power-plant, shutting schools etc.

It is the short-sightedness of the Government to apply an entirely Delhi-centric response, as the problem is alarming across India. The actions being suggested are geared towards desperate short-term measures.

I request the Ministry to take urgent step by carefully examinining the sources of pollution and work with various institutions and stakeholders to come up with time-targeted plans and schemes for the long term and devise structured action plan to deal with such emergencies.